GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

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Selecting a Sewing Machine

Buying a sewing machine is a long-term investment and careful shopping is necessary to get the machine that is right for you.

Regardless of the frills the sewing machine offers, and regardless of your own sewing skill and background, there are certain questions you should ask before you commit yourself to a purchase.

First, ask around town or community to see if the dealer has been at his location long enough to establish a reputation for service and general helpfulness when questions about machines arise.

Many unbranded sewing machines are on the market and are sold by individual dealers and some chain stores which put their own names on them. Several of these off-brands are manufactured by well-known companies while others are not. They are usually lower-priced than comparable machines with brand names. If in your shopping you see one of these and find it appealing, be most careful to check the guarantee and servicing of the machine. Will the guarantee be honored and can servicing be done in other locations of the country in case you move sometime in the future?

What does the guarantee say? Who backs it -- the manufacturer, the distributor, or a local dealer? If the guarantee is backed only the local dealer, make sure he is a member of the Independent Sewing Machine Dealers of America. This is a national association of which all members will repair sewing machines brought in for service, and independent dealers are supported by this association.

How do guarantees between machines compare? The difference between two machines can be more significant when guarantees are compared. Therefore, the consumer should check the guarantee on every machine before making a decision to buy.

Do all the controls work properly? Does the machine stitch well on all types of fabrics? Most dealers will demonstrate to the consumer the various stitches and how these work on all types of fabrics.

Do not be afraid to inspect a sewing machine very carefully. Take your time and do not rush through your examination. The dealer is there to help you, and you should take this opportunity to learn all you can about the models he carries.

To personally inspect the machine, sit before it in the position you will take when you sew on it at home. Look closely at the controls, turn all the dials, push all the buttons, move all the levers, turn on the light, and do not be afraid to ask questions. You have a right as a consuemr to all the information you can secure about your purchases.

If you have never sewn before, you might find it a good idea to bring along a seamstress friend to conduct the sewing test. If it is not possible to do this, ask the dealer to demonstrate the machine so that you may answer many of the questions yourself.

Whether a friend, the dealer, or you conduct the sewing test, bring with you to the store your own package of test fabrics. Dealers often demonstrate their machines using a stiff cotton fabric on which almost any machine wil make quality stitches.

Your package of test fabrics should contain a single cotton or acrylic knit (not a bonded one), a double knit, a nylon tricot, a piece of fake fur, some chiffon or voile or batiste, a lightweight wool, and a heavy weight wool with a textured surface. If you have difficulty collecting all these fabrics, the most important ones are the single and double knit, the two wools, and one sheer.

Should you need help before making your important purchase call or write the Appomattox County Extension Office (352-8244), P. O. Box 458, Appomattox, Va. 24522 for the following publications:

Buying Your Home Sewing Machine
Your Sewing Machine - What It Will Do

Also available are numerous publications related to specific sewing problems. Our office will be delighted to send you at no cost this information.

Recipe of the Week
VANILLA WAFER CAKE

1 cup butter
2 cups sugar
6 eggs
12 oz. vanilla wafers (crushed)
½ cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
7 oz. pkg. coconut
1 cup pecans, chopped

Preheat oven to 275°. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy; add eggs, one at a time. Beat well after each addition. Add wafer crumbs alternately with milk, beginning and ending with wafer crumbs. Add extract, coconut and pecans.

Bake 1 hour and 30 minutes in a waxed paper lined tube pan (or until the cake tests done.

County Line

The Rocks Quarett will be at Bethney Pencostal Holiness Church Sat. night, Jan. 17th at 7:00 p.m. Everybody is invited to come and listen to some good gospel music.

Mr. and Mrs. Chap Nash visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Burford Nash of Gladys Sunday.

Mrs. Essie Franklin visited Mrs. Chap Nash Monday.

Mrs. Paul Nash will to to the Dr. in Lynchburg Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Megginson has been sick, but is feeling better now.

Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn spent the week end with Mr. H. D. Jennings of Lynchburg who has been down in bed with a virus.

Windy Nash of Thomas Terrace spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash.

Mrs. David Carson and Susan spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash. Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Carson and baby visited Mrs. Margaret Scruggs and children in the afternoon.

Mrs. Richard Nash visited Mr. Herman Guill Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Twyman Nash visited Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Sharp Sunday.

The County Line Homemakers Club will meet with Mrs. Gale Nash on Monday night Jan. 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Loretta Mayberry got her hand hurt at work.

Mrs. Dean Pugh and Mrs. Audrey Hamilton visited Mrs. Will Mann Monday.

Mrs. Milton Nash and Mrs. Lloyd Cyrus visited Mrs. Ramsey of Red House Monday.

Mrs. Jo Anne Fleshman had a wreck while going to work last Wednesday. We're glad to report she's getting along nicely.

Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash Thursday night.

Mrs. Nelson Mann went to the Dr. in Lynchburg on Tuesday. Glad to report she's getting along nicely.

Virginia Traffic Deaths Down

RICHMOND - Virginia's 1975 traffic death toll now stands at 1,021, or 29 less than the 1,050 of 1974 to mark the third consecutive year in which they have been reduced, Colonel H. W. Burgess, Superintendent of State police, reported today.

Colonel Burgess said that while late reports and deaths of persons now carried as injured can cause slight upward revisions in all statistics, the year's toll is certain to be the lowest since the 999 of 1963.

Important factors in the reduction were the lowering of the all time July high of 124 in 1974 to 90 and the December score of 74, which was the lowest for December since the 74 of 1948.

Deaths of pedestrians were down from 1295 to 176, of motorcyclists from 61 to 51 and of servicemen from 50 to 44. Those of bicyclists stood at 16 for both years.

The State's mileage death rate, or deaths per each 100 million miles of vehicular travel, was placed at 3.0 to compare well with the national counterpart of 3.5. Traffic volumes for the year were up about two percent.

Deaths numbered 1,256 in 1972, 1,220 in 1973 and 1,050 in 1974.

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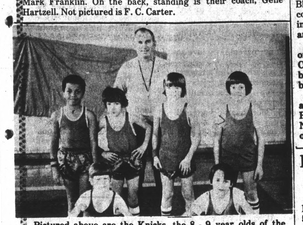
Pictured above are the Rockets, one of the Little League Basketball teams in the Youth Association. They are kneeling, left to right, Mike Ferguson, Alex Almond. Left to Right standing are, Larry Shorter, Billy Caldwell, Scott Almond, and Mark Franklin. On the back, standing is their coach, Gene Hartzell. Not pictured is F. C. Carter.



Pictured above are the Knicks, the 8 - 9 year olds of the Youth Basketball teams. Kneeling,right is Tom Cobb and Jeffrey Williams. Left to Right standing are Gary Ferguson, Emory Woods, Chris Tolley, and David Chauncey. On the back standing is their coach, Jim Cobb.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASKETBALL STANDINGS
8 - 9 Year Olds

	W	L
Knicks	1	0
Warriors	1	0
Rockets	0	1
Bucks	0	1

Results - Knicks 16 - Rockets 8; Warriors 13- Bucks 12

10-11 Year Olds

	W	L
Globetrotters	1	0
Braves	1	0
Bakers	0	1
Knicks	0	1

Results - Globetrotters 15 - Lakers 11; Braves 36 - Knicks 22

12 - 13 Year Olds

	W	L
Lakers	1	0
Celtics	1	0
Bullets	0	1
Warriors	0	1

Results - Lakers 34 - Bullets 23; Celtics 32-Warriors 13

ADULT WOMENS BASKETBALL

The Knicks took on the Bullets in the first game Monday night. It was a close game the first half, but the Knicks pulled away the second half with a final score of 24-14.

SCORING:

Knicks - Donna Smith - 4; Pat Ferguson - 14; Alice Howard -4; Lucy Harris - 2.

Bullets - Joyce Tolley - 10; Doris Martin - 2; Delana Barksdale (subs.) 2.

The second game that evening was between the Raider-Rats and the Roadrunners. The Raider-Rats were the winners with a score of 34-18.

SCORING:

Raider-Rats - Amy Nash - 12; Delana Barksdale - 4; Sherry Tillery - 4; Becky Shorter - 10; Deborah Conner - 4.

Roadrunners - Tessy Henderson - 4; Bea Hudson - 2.

SPORTS

BY ALLEN AUSTIN

Mets Hire Business Manager

Frank Cappiella, general manager of the Lynchburg Mets, has announced the hiring of an assistant business manager, Bob Bloomer who is 23 years old and from West Covina, Calif.

In an effort to create more involvement in the club Mr. Bloomer's duties will include concession operation, advertising sales, special promotions and media relations.

Bob attended the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California where he majored in business administration on a baseball scholarship.

In 1974 Bob became an assistant for the San Diego Padres Class A Club of the Northwest League in the town of Walla, Walla.

In 1975 he became business manager for the Waterburg Dodgers, Class AA Eastern League.

Bob, having an interest in baseball, wrote his class thesis on **Early California Baseball History** which is now in the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

During his college years he was a 4-year varsity letterman and in 1972 made All West Coast Athletic Conference Outfielder.

Frank Cappiello commented that the club has a desire to expand the program in the Lynchburg area and surrounding counties and to increase their interest in baseball.

Sport fans, watch the paper for more news on the Lynchburg Mets.

Raiderettes Swat Bees

The Raiderettes traveled to Brookvile to bring back home a 52-40 victory over the Bees.

The Raiderettes, getting off on a bad foot, trailed the Bees in the first quarter 9-5. At halftime it was a new ball game with score tied 18 all.

The Raiderettes came back after halftime to sieze a lead on Brookville and shut them off from coming back.

The Raiderettes had two girls in double figures, Maryjane Smith 17, and Connie Murry 11. Cindy Smith, added her 6 to the winning cause. Brookville was led by Doris Key with 13, and Danita Robertson with 12.

Maryjane led the Raiderettes defense with 17 rebound and Carolyn Jean Smith brought down 7.

Improving at the foul line the Raiderettes shot a high 75%. The Raiderettes had to settle for 21% from the field. Brookville shot a 58% from the foul line.

The Raiderettes still stand with a perfect record and are one game closer to being Champs of the Seminole District.

Raiders Downed 68 - 36

Enoch Robinson scored 13 points to lead the Raiders in scoring but had to settle for that rather than a Raider win.

George Fowler, for the Bees' sank 23 points to lead the Bees' scoring.

The Raiders, frustrated by the Bees' defense, fell behind and at halftime Brookville had possession of a 15 point lead.

The Bee's shot a high 46 percent for the game as the Raiders were stale and only shot 18 percent.

The Raiders next high scorer was David Kelso who ended the game with 9 points.

Raiderettes Lead District

The Raiderettes led by Maryjane Smith who ripped the nets with 17 pts. claimed victory over Rustburg 31-29. By looking at the score you can see the Raiderettes had their work cut out for them. From start to close, the game was an exciting one with the Raiderettes only having a 7 pt. lead at halftime.

Connie Murray and Cindy Smith teamed with Maryjane and added 6 pts. each. Kay Mitchell of the Devilettes was high scorer with 13.

The tension built for the Raiderettes in the 4th quarter as Rustburg took control and led by 3 pts. Immediately, the Raiderettes saw their winning streak fading away, but with a strong defense held Rustburg from running away. Maryjane pulled the Raiderettes through by making 4 pts. at the foul line and a half court steal from Rustburg. After this exciting but close win the Raiderettes stand with a perfect mark 7-0.

Rustburg saw their perfect mark vanish into a 6-1 position. The Raiderettes cannot take all the credit for success but must divide it in half with both Coach Martin and Coach Tolley.

See you at the next Raiderette game!

Devils Win

The Raiders hosted a 61-45 Devil win Tuesday night to show a 1-6 record.

The Raiders had one man in double figures, Kelso, with 13. M. Dillard was next high scorer for the Raiders with 9.

The Raiders frustrated by the Devils defense, dropped behind and at halftime the Devils had seized a 32-14 lead.

Floyd Merryman with 21 pts. and Sam Scott with 16 pts. lead the Devils to a 61-45 victory.

The Raiders need your support greatly as they are burdened with a losing streak. Come out and support the Raiders and show them your loyalty though win or lose.

MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Haley	37	8
Country Club	33	12
Rookies	17	28
Martins	6	39

High Sets

Ronnie Harbin	377
Wallace Haley	368

High Games

Jerry Ayers	144
James Paulett	144
Ronnie Harbin	140

MEN'S DOUBLE LEAGUE

Harris-Doss	27	9
Ferguson-Haley	24	12
Cyrus-Martin	17	19
Hall Wood	11	22
Ayers-Crowe	10	26

High Games

K. Doss	123
Jerry Ayers	121

High Sets

Wallace Haley	348
Jerry Ayers	330

MENS BOWLING LEAGUE

Haleys	40	8
Country Club	35	13
Rookies	18	30
Martins	6	42

High Sets

James Gowin - 375	
Keith Martin - 329	

High Games

Fred Crowe - 132	
E. O Wheeler - 130	

MENS DOUBLE LEAGUE

Harris - Doss	30	9
Ferguson-Haley	24	15
Mayberry-Ayers	18	18
Cyrus-Martin	18	21
Ayers-Crowe	13	26
Hall-Woods	11	25

High Sets

Kenneth Doss - 351	
John Ayers - 343	

High Games

Beans Harris - 131	
Keith Martin - 126	
John Ayers - 124	

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

Rollingstones	25	5
Mighty Mites	28	10
Flintsontes	25	11
KrazyKats	17	19
Topcats	12	23
Alleycats	11	21
Pinups	11	22
Untouchables	10	28

High Sets

Vernell Childers - 302	
Betty Seay - 283	

Frances Lewis - 256

High Games

Ellen Ragland - 112	
Frances Lewis - 108	

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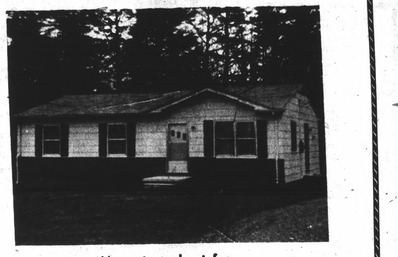

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